



answer the call
your health
your community
your future



The GuLF STUDY, the largest health study ever conducted on possible health effects of oil spills, is seeking the assistance of workers and volunteers in our community who helped clean up the Deepwater Horizon Gulf Oil Spill. Your participation will help us all learn if oil spills and exposure to oil and dispersants affect physical and mental health. The study aims to collect information that may inform local, state, and federal government policy decisions on healthcare and health services in the region and may influence responses to other oil spills in the future.

If you took the clean up worker safety training or supported the cleanup effort from the community, you may be contacted by the GuLF STUDY over the next 18 months and invited to participate - even if you were not directly involved in the cleanup. The study also includes a comparison group of people from the community who did not participate in the cleanup...**everyone we contact is needed.**

How you can help

First, we need you to answer the call.

If selected to participate in the GuLF STUDY, you will receive a letter of invitation in the mail, then you will receive a phone call. It will take many months to reach out to everyone who is eligible for the study. We hope you will be patient. If you haven't heard from us and want to make sure you are on the list, you can call the GuLF STUDY office toll free at 1-855-NIH-GULF (1-855-644-4853).

All participants will be asked to complete an initial telephone interview. During the interview you will be asked what kind of work you did during the oil cleanup and about your health, lifestyle and job history. After the telephone interview, you may be asked to take part in the second phase of the study, which involves a home visit. Some results will be given to participants at the time of the visit and others will come in the mail after the visit.

The GuLF STUDY will follow all participants for at least five years to monitor changes in health over time. The participants who complete the home visit will be asked to complete a more detailed health questionnaire every two to three years by telephone.

The GuLF STUDY is being conducted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), part of the National Institutes of Health, with input from local community organizations.

Now, you are needed to answer the call!



For more information, visit www.nihgulfstudy.org or call toll free 1-855-NIH-GULF (1-855-644-4853).